



## Architectural Technology and Design

Fall Advisory Board Meeting – Tuesday, October 23rd, 2017 4:30 PM

Location – Northland Community and Technical College, EGF Campus

### **Members in Attendance:**

Randy Lieberg – JLG  
Trent Peabody – Lumber Mart  
Mark Sundet – R.L. Engebretson  
Rachel Harris – EAPC  
Tricia Behm-Johnson – Sterling Carpet One  
Trevor Anderson – Foss Architects  
Rod Lahren – NCTC Arch. Tech. & Design Instructor  
Erin Bulger – NCTC Arch. Tech. & Design Instructor

### **Members not in attendance:**

Dennis Bukowski – JLG

### **Minutes:**

- Erin is applying for a sabbatical that if approved will run Fall 2019 and Spring 2020. We will be looking for substitutes so if anyone is interested please let us know.
- A faculty member recently did some research on the Skills Gap between Northland graduates and employers. The results for our department included manners and etiquette, self-management, work ethic, team skills, and oral and written communication. Discussion on how to address these soft skills included adding professional practice content, adding in a listening component to assignments to gauge if students are listening, understanding, and able to communicate effectively, hosting lunch and learn type speakers where people from industry come and discuss common soft skill issues they see in the workplace, or some type of job shadowing or internship work that is graded on these items.
- Our current enrollment is quite low, especially for 1<sup>st</sup> years. This may be in part to some disparaging and inaccurate statistics indicating negative job growth that had been on the website for our program. Rod has been talking with administration to get the information off and to reflect more accurate information from the Department of Labor. Rod and Erin are still attending high school career expos to make sure students know about our program. We will also look at sending out program specific information to students who indicate interest in the program.
- The CAD III class (mainly dealt with customizing content) has been changed to ARCH 2224 Content & Project Management. This class now mainly covers creating and editing families in Revit and an Introduction to Bluebeam Revu.
- Graduates who are receiving an AAS degree must complete eight hours of Service Learning, starting this year. There are some exemptions but some of our students will need to fulfill this. We will be in touch with Habitat for Humanity. Students are also free to coordinate the Service Learning with an organization of their choice.
- Jodi Stauss-Stassen, the dean who now oversees all the trades, stopped by and mentioned that if there are any ideas or input on how to promote our programs (tuition reimbursement, etc.) that we are open to discussing those ideas.

### Enrollment info:

1<sup>st</sup> year – Fall 2018: 11 students, one has taken spring classes

2<sup>nd</sup> year – Fall 2018: 11 students, one is part-time